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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

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| APPLICANT:  | Reed, Gary J.                              |
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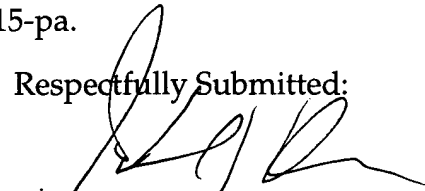
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

Responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated January 16, 2002, kindly enter the enclosed nine (9) sheets of substitute formal drawing figures in place of the drawing figures as filed, into the above-identified case. It is respectfully submitted that the appended substitute formal drawing figures comply with 37 CFR 1.84 and that this case is now in a form for examination on the merits. Such action is earnestly solicited.

It is believed that no fees are now due with respect to the filing of this response. However, if additional fees are due, it is requested that such fees be charged to deposit account no. 11-1734, Attorney Docket No. 31115-pa.

Dated: January 29, 2002

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

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Paper: 1. Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated January 16, 2002 - original and one copy);  
2. Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (Part 2 - copy to be returned with response);  
3. Nine (9) sheets of formal drawing figures (comprised of figures 1 through 25); and  
4. A Return receipt card.



I hereby certify that the above identified correspondence, which is attached, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to:

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